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LOK SABHA

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PACKAGE FOR SPECIAL CATEGORY STATES
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has sanctioned special package and concessions for special category States during 2005-06 and 2006-07 ;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise ;

(c) the details of the criteria for selection of the States under the said category ;

(d) whether Orissa is the most backward State in the country; and

(e) if so, the reasons for not covering Orissa under the said category ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR)

(a)to(e) : The Government announced a Special Package of economic incentives for promoting industrialization in the States of Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand on 14.06.2002 and 07.01.2003 respectively which inter-alia include Central Capital Investment Subsidy Scheme, Central Interest Subsidy Scheme, Central Comprehensive Insurance Scheme, excise and income-tax exemption. The rationale for the concessions was that these States are hilly, remote and have poor accessibility to markets and also have poor infrastructure. Accordingly, on the said analogy, Orissa is not covered under this particular Scheme. The details of the amount released State-wise during 2005-06 and 2006-07(up to February,2007) are as under:

(Rupee in Crores)

Sl.No.	Name of the States	2005-06	2006-07 (upto Feb.2007)
1.	Jammu & Kashmir	5.50	NIL
2.	Himachal Pradesh	11.50	6.00
3.	Uttarakhand	8.00	4.93